

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A memorial service to the late W. R. McCormack is being held to-morrow by local Masons. Rev. Mr. Woodside will be the pastor in charge.

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A choral memorial service in memory of James Lowes, Percy O'Neil, and Vernon O'Neil, who have recently fallen in battle will be held to-morrow evening at the First Baptist Church, where they attended.

MACHINE GUN FUND.

The meeting of the subscribers to the machine gun fund will be held in the city council chamber next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock when the report of the committee will be submitted and proposals for the distribution of the fund considered.

GROUP OPENING.

There were seventy-eight young lads present at the Boys' Department of the Y.M.C.A. last evening for the opening of the Bible Study groups. This certainly shows that the right spirit is taking precedence in every boy's character.

A SURPRISE PARTY.

A very pleasing event took place last evening at the home of M. Geo. Hutton, 38 Spring street, when about sixty young people tendered Miss Ella Hutton a surprise which took the form of a miscellaneous shower, in view of her approaching marriage. Although taken by surprise, Miss Hutton nevertheless replied feelingly. Games, cards and dancing were indulged in, after which dainty refreshments were served by the amiable hostess. The party broke up in the wee sma' hours of the morning after voting that they had had the best time yet.

APPRECIATED ASSISTANCE.

Ald. F. Calbeck, chairman of the Board of Works, received a very complimentary letter from the Echo Place Improvement Association. The hearty appreciation of this association was extended for the assistance rendered by the board in oiling the Hamilton Road this summer though Echo Place. The association had been extorted from a quarry, for although they had funds they had no oiling apparatus.

REPORT PREPARED.

The Finance Committee of the City Council held a purely routine session last evening. The local option campaign was discussed and the committee report prepared for the Monday Council.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brown of Calgary are spending the week end in the city.

SUNDAY MEETING.

The first Sunday night meeting on behalf of recruiting for the 125th Battalion (Brant County) will take place to-morrow night at 8.30 at the Grand Theatre. The speakers will be Rev. W. E. Baker of the Colborne St. Methodist church and Lieut. Fenton in command of the Machine Gun Section of the 84th Battalion. Mr. W. N. Andrews will occupy the chair.

KITCHENER CLUB

The "Kitchener Club" is an organization of East Ward little girls from six to twelve years of age. The membership consists of thirteen and they held their first bazaar on Friday, into the bargain, which still further demonstrates that they do not take any stock in superstitions. The object is to aid soldiers and sailors and money secured is to be sent direct to Lord Kitchener to do what he deems best with it. Little Miss Mary Frank started the idea and the others are Annie Fair, Bertha Fair, Phyllis Cockshutt, Hazel Blott, Margaret Laing, Hilda Briggs, Margaret Reid, Dorothy Baird, Isabella Cole, Isabella Adams, Dorothy Raymond, Helen Bartle. The first event under their auspices took place yesterday in the shape of a bazaar at the Y.M.C.A. The goods offered were all the work of the little ones and the display astonished everyone. There was a good attendance including many of the military and the handsome sum of over \$80 was cleared. Thanks are returned to the Y.M.C.A. for use of room, the ladies of the Red Cross and all others who gave their patronage and helped to score the big success. Miss Marguerite Gamble is the President of the Kitchener's and has every reason to feel proud of her little associates.

BISHOP DEFENDS GEN. FRENCH'S STAFF

Not a Fragment of Truth in Criticisms Against Its Members.

London, Nov. 19.—The Bishop of London in a speech Thursday afternoon referred to criticisms directed against the British headquarters staff in France. He said: "I had the great honor and pleasure of being myself a guest at headquarters for eight days before I went to the base and I can only say that there is not a fragment of truth of any kind in the reports. I came upon a body of high-minded British soldiers up early in the morning and working late at night with one idea in their minds, and that is to finish the war victoriously for our country. During the whole time I was there I never saw one lady, except one poor, little French woman, who brought me a most inadequate bath, which almost destroyed the sympathy between the allied countries, because I spashed water over the room rather than the annoyance of this French woman."

SOME OF SATURDAY'S BARGAINS

Men's box kip blucher cut lace boots, regular \$2.50, size 6 to 10

Women's Dongola Slipper, elastic in front, turn sole, regular \$1.25, size 3 to 7, 98c

Misses' box calf, blucher cut, lace boots, regular \$2.25, size 11 to 2, \$1.89

Little Lad's Calf Blucher cut lace boot, size 8 to 10½, regular \$1.50, \$1.28

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WITH THE SOLDIERS

The 84th Battalion did not go to Paris this morning as was expected, owing to the very disagreeable weather, and muddy roads. The journey has been postponed until Monday morning. It is to be hoped that the weather man will be more considerate that day.

Mr. F. M. Southam, of the Southern Press, Limited, notified Col. Stewart this morning that 1100 copies of the "Regimental Song" booklet would be forwarded to the Battalion. This generous donation will be greatly appreciated by the men.

The following recruits have passed the medical examination and have been sworn in:

Arthur W. Blackman, English, 25 years old, single, farmer, Paris, 25th Brant Dragoons.

George Eastley, English, single, 20, farmer, 25th Brant Dragoons.

R. W. Amos, English, single, 22, laborer, 12 Tether St., 38th Dufferin Rifles.

Norman W. Norris, Canadian, 18 years, single, Eagle Place Post Office, 38th D.D.C.

Roy W. Hartley, Canadian, 18 single, shipper, 76 Brighton Row, 38th D.R.C.

B. G. Mears, English, 37 years, single, stove moulder, 251 Nelson St., 38th D.R.C.

George Bennett, English, 42, married, contractor, 2 Ontario St., 38th D.R.C.

Saturday—Captain of the day, Capt. T. A. Taylor. Subaltern of the day, Lieut. C. Howcroft. Next for duty, Lieut. D. S. Bartle.

Route March—The route march which was scheduled to come off this A.M., when the half battalion was to march to Paris was postponed till next Monday. The citizens of Paris were looking forward expectantly to the coming of the lads to-day, and many of them are natives of that city, and flags and bunting and cakes and pies, not to forget the pretty girls of Paris, were to be very much in evidence, but the inclement weather caused the city fathers of Paris to ask Col. Stewart to postpone his visit with his troops, for though they realise a soldier does not mind the weather, wet or shine, it is all the same to him, yet Paris wanted to look its best to-day, with old Sol out in a blue sky.

Resisting City Police—All ranks are notified that the police of this city have been instructed to co-operate with the military police in order to maintain order in the streets, and any men reported resisting the police in the execution of their duty will be severely dealt with.

Extension of Tattoo Hour—The hour of tattoo will be extended from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. to-night, Nov. 20th, in order that N.C.O.'s and men who desire to do so, may attend the performance of "The White Feather" at the Grand Opera House.

Sergeants' Mess—The Sergeants' Mess is running smoothly in first class order under the able management of Serg. McEwen, who for a number of years prior to his enlistment was in charge of the Y.M.C.A. dining room in this city.

Leave of Absence—Lieut. H. E. Hopkins from Nov. 20th to 30th; Capt. T. A. Taylor from Nov. 20th to 22nd; Lieut. H. L. Brodie from Nov. 20th to 23rd; Lieut. D. S. Bartle from Nov. 20th to 22nd; Lieut. B. N. Barrett from Nov. 20th to 22nd; Lieut. C. B. Shepherd from Nov. 20th to 22nd.

Lt. Col. W. T. Stewart returned to the Armouries last night, after his visit to Divisional Headquarters, and Mrs. W. T. Stewart and family are in Brantford for a short visit.

Capt. V. V. Harvey, Adjutant, has also returned to the Armouries and Capt. H. V. Duggan, the Quartermaster, leaves to-day for Ottawa on visit of inspection of the Quartermaster's Dept. of the half Battalion stationed there. Major S. B. Scobell of the 84th and Lt. Col. commanding the new Battalion to be raised in Durham County, leaves for Kingston to-day to confer with Headquarters of the 3rd Division with regard to his new command.

Church Parade—The Roman Catholics will parade at 8.30 a.m. to-morrow November, 21st and proceed to St. Basil's Church for Mass. The Protestants with brass band will parade at 9 a.m. and to Grace Church for Divine service, to be conducted by the Battalion Chaplain.

Post Office—A post office is to be fitted up in the Armouries in connection with the Regimental Postman's arrangements and Lance Corporal F. Davis the Regimental Postman will be in charge and the mail will be posted, sorted and delivered to the men from this office. Although no one could put it over Lance Corporal Davis for his skillful management of the mail service, yet this improvement for permanent quarters for his business will be of great advantage to the men and greatly facilitate the important duties of Postman Davis.

The rain and the wind didn't stop the local soldier who will form the nucleus of the 125th battalion, from marching to St. George, not by a very large majority.

They had promised to go and the elements didn't exist which could stop them.

The officers along were: Captain Henderson, Capt. Shultis, Lt. Stemin, Lt. Andrews and Lt. Orr.

They left the city about 8.15 a.m., headed by the newly formed band, which is already proving itself to be a dandy. It rained all the way and the slush in spots was ankle deep for the nearly ten miles, but the village was made in good time. The village was made in good time. The village was made in good time.

There was a big crowd of spectators from all the surrounding district who extended a very hearty welcome. Bountifully loaded tables literally groaned under the generous spread provided by the people of the village and the Township of South Dumfries in the basement of Methodist church, and there was every brand of pie ever located on the map. The St. George

band played well during the repast, and cigars were passed around at the close. The speakers included: Rev. Robert Keefer, Dr. Addison, Capt. Henderson and Capt. Shultis.

From 12.30 to 2.30 the men had the freedom of the place and the trek for home started at 2.40. Brantford was reached at 5.15, and the boys, wet to the skin, but in fine condition, swung along the streets in as lively fashion as if they had just started. They carried a number of union jacks given them by the Saints, and also an accumulation of mud, about sufficient to start a new settlement.

No casualties were reported either coming or going.

PATRIOTIC NIGHT BY MEMBERS OF DORIC LODGE 121

Banquet Participated in by Members of Doric and Visiting Lodges.

The regular meeting of Doric Lodge, 121 A. F. and A. M. was held last evening and the occasion was made a patriotic night. The choir in the lodge room was filled by Past Masters of Doric Lodge, who exemplified the First Degree. At the close of the work in the lodge room the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the following toast list was observed:

The King and the craft responded to by all singing the National Anthem. Quartette, Rule Britannia, Bros. Russell, Strickland, Moule and Byers.

Grand Lodge of Canada—Responded to by R. W. Bro. Dr. F. Hanna, D. D. G. M., of this district.

Song—"When the Boys Come Home" Bro. J. C. Pocock.

Canada—Proposed by W. Bro. Milton Wilbee, and responded to by R. W. Bro. Lyman Lee, P. D. D. G. M., of Hamilton, his subject being, "Our Heritage as Canadians."

Song—"Be British," by Bro. Jas. T. Whittaker.

Our Past Masters—W. Bro. Charles B. Heyd.

Song—"We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall" Bro. E. Moule.

Our Visitors—Responded to by R. W. Bro. James McGregor, P. D. D. G. M. of Caledonia, T. J. Kirkby, W. M. of Reba Lodge; H. J. Sullivan of Brant Lodge; W. B. Scace of Oas Lodge; W. Bro. Lieut. A. H. Monteith of Stratford; W. Bro. Oliver of Ayr; Hawley of Paris; Hainer of Caledonia; and Bro. R. E. Thompson, secretary, Lynden.

Quartette—"Scots Wha' Hae," Bros. Russell, Strickland, Moule and Byers.

Bro. Thomas Darwin acted as accompanist, for the evening.

During the banquet a number of patriotic songs were rendered by the members of the Doric club.

The banquet hall was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting and the very large attendance made the event a

success.

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WANTED—More young men and women to join our classes and qualify for good paying positions. Mr. Albert Phipps, Miss Helen Adams, Miss Gertrude Ingley and Miss L. Wilson, four of our pupils, secured situations during the past week. Those working through the day qualify by attending our night classes. Trifling cost. Brantford Business College, Schultz Building, Dalhousie St. mw36

STORIES OF DISORDERS IN INDIA UNFOUNDED

Most Comprehensive Official Denial of Reports From the Germans.

London, Nov. 20.—The India Office yesterday made formal announcement that German press statements circulated in foreign countries regarding disorders in India are absolutely unfounded. The announcement specifically denies the report that a revolt has broken out anywhere in India, or that Brahmans, Buddhists and Mohammedans have united to make difficulties for the "detested British," as alleged from German sources.

Denial likewise is given to the assertion that the Rajah of Bhagalpur has headed any uprising, or that grave disorders already have occurred in Bombay, Madras, Nagpur, Allahabad and Masapur, nor that rebels have interfered with the departure of native troops, causing the British troops to retire and subsequently occupying their barracks and arsenals.

"There is not a word of truth in

these statements from beginning to end," the Secretary of State for India announces. "There is no such person as the Rajah of Bhagalpur. The Nawab of Bahawalpur is referred to, he is a minor, eleven years of age."

The death occurred last week at his residence, Highfield, Northrop, of the Rev. Arthur Atkinson, eighty-one. The deceased was an honorary canon of Chester Cathedral.

Dr. Frank Grice Jones, medical superintendent of the North Wales Asylum, Denbigh, was presented with a solid silver tea service by the management on the occasion of his marriage.

At the recent general meeting of the North Wales Advertising Board, held at Bangor, Lord Mostyn was re-elected president.

Violent Storms.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

St. John, Nf., Nov. 20.—Several packet and fishing vessels, each carrying from 12 to 30 passengers, were caught in the violent storm of the past few days and had not been reported last night. Grave fears are felt for their safety, although it is believed that some of the vessels may have found refuge in isolated harbors. Most of the missing vessels were bound from Labrador for Newfoundland ports.

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